

Weare Heritage Commission
MINUTES
February 26, 2009

In attendance: Chairperson Tanya Kress, Vice Chairperson/Secretary Meg Malette, Heleen Kurk, and George Malette.

A motion was made by Tanya and seconded by Heleen to approve the February 3, 2009, minutes as written. The November meeting minutes have not been transcribed or officially approved by the commission. Tanya volunteered to prepare the November minutes prior to the next meeting for approval, after which they will be sent to Merry Rice and Evelyn Connor.

Heleen informed the commission members that she will not be present at the March and possibly the April meeting for personal reasons.

The commission members discussed increasing the members. Meg volunteered to contact John Flanders of the Clinton Grove Historic District and the architect who lives on Quaker Street for possible members.

With regard to old business, Tanya said that she has started creating the PowerPoint presentation for the Weare Historical Society and Weare Selectmen. This presentation is going to talk about the role of heritage commissions and the Certified Local Government (CLG) program. The following is a sampling of its topics:

- Overview of Weare Heritage Commission – definition
- Specifics of what we want to do in Weare
- Talk about CLG program
- Benefits of CLGs and historic districts
- Economic development in Weare
- Feedback from citizens regarding historic districts
- Moving forward by looking back

The members thought that it was a good idea to have the PowerPoint presentation published on the Web site. Check with Merry Rice to find out if there is enough room on the town's Web site for this presentation. The presentation can be formatted into a pdf file, which takes up less space than a PowerPoint presentation.

A discussion took place about threatened sites. Another discussion took place about offering sessions on how to properly record cellar holes. This information should go on an archaeological site form of the state.

Tanya said that gaining stewardship of historical sites is an important element to their survival and appreciation.

The John Stark Scenic Byway was discussed. This group is working on creating a list of potential projects, Web site creation, recommending CLGs, and updating town open space plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Malette

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Vice Chairperson/Secretary